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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, SC 29210 PSC SC DOCKETING DEPT.

Re: Docket No.: 2005-203-C - Rock Hill Telephone Company, Lancaster Telephone Company, and Fort Mill Telephone Company all d/b/a Comporium Communications for Entry of an Alternative Regulation Plan

## Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff has completed its review of the above referenced notification and its supporting documentation. The filing indicates that the Company meets the criteria set out in Section 58-9-576 of the SC Code Laws for entry into the Alternative Regulation Plan also described in the same section.

An affidavit was filed by Robert Joslin, which supported the Comporium Communications companies' qualification for entry into the alternative regulation plan based on the criteria that wireless service is generally available from two non-affiliated carriers within the companies' service areas. Mr. Joslin's tests revealed that the wireless service providers Alltel and Verizon have wireless coverage generally available in the Comporium operating companies' service areas.

ORS reviewed the results of Mr. Joslin's tests and the coverage area maps provided by Alltel and Verizon. ORS recognizes that the availability of wireless services is impacted

by various externalities such as customer equipment, terrain, buildings, and weather conditions. The office of Regulatory Staff found no evidence to contradict the statement of Mr. Robert Joslin and no basis to oppose this filing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Sincerely,

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